

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-23**

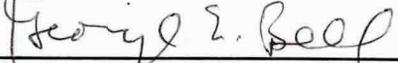
Authorizing Staff to issue a Request for Bids for "Walkways and Canopy" for Pedestrian Connection from EXPO Facilities to North Interstate Light Rail North Termination Station.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. That the Portland Exposition Center (EXPO) will require two pedestrian walkway connections between the EXPO facilities and the new North Interstate Light Rail Station to be built by Tri-Met.
2. That the design of the walkways and canopies has been completed and the project permitted with the City of Portland Bureau of Buildings.
3. That the project cost is estimated at \$675,000 for two walkways with foundations and electrical, and one canopy for one walkway.
4. That in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by METRO, Tri-Met and MERC in June of 2000, Tri-Met intends to contribute \$600,000 toward the construction of the two pedestrian connections from EXPO Facilities to the Station, one connection to be covered.
5. That previous funds for construction of walkways were budged as part of the EXPO Hall "D" Replacement Project and that these funds will be applied toward the completion of the revised construction as designed by the Architect and "permitted" by the City of Portland.
6. That MERC Staff has prepared a "Request for Bids" (RFB) for solicitation of a Contractor to perform construction of the project.
7. That the Commission must approve issuance of an RFB for formal bids. Following receipt of bids, Staff will return a recommendation to the Commission in accordance with the MERC Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

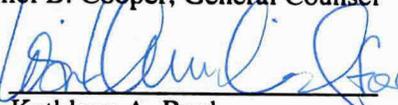
**Be it therefore resolved** that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission authorizes Staff to issue a "Request for Bids" for the Construction of Two Walkways and One Canopy for the provision of pedestrian connections between the facilities of the Portland Exposition Center and the North Interstate Light Rail Station Termination.

Passed by the Commission on July 18, 2001.

  
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## MERC STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item/Issue:** Authorizing Staff to issue a Request for Bids for "Construction of Pedestrian Walkways and Canopy" at Portland Exposition Center.

**Resolution No:** 01-23

**Date:** July 18, 2001

**Presented by:** Chris Bailey

**Background:** On June 9, 2000, METRO, MERC and Tri-Met became signatory to a "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)" for the use of a portion of the EXPO site for the North Interstate Light Rail Termination. This site will be utilized as the last Station on the rail line at this time. Following lengthy discussion regarding the best location of the station site and with consideration to future extension of the line, the east edge of the EXPO Parking Lot was chosen as the most reasonable location. Also in consideration to this location, two walkways connecting the EXPO Facilities to the Station were suggested and later required by the City of Portland's Land Use Review Department. At this time MERC staff is continuing ongoing negotiations with Tri-Met regarding an IGA to cover all revenue, boundary, operation and maintenance issues regarding the light rail station. However, in consideration of Tri-Met's pending obligation of \$600,000 toward the canopies in the existing MOU, MERC staff would like to proceed with construction of the walkways. The Tri-Met contribution was to provide for the design and construction of at least one covered walkway with the Commission and/or Tri-Met to build the second at a later date. Both walkways were originally included in the Hall "D" Replacement Project, but neither were covered or provision made for footings for the roof support structure, electrical or art. The walkways were however deleted from the Hall "D" Project due to the advent of the Light Rail Station and subsequent provisions of the MOU, requiring redesign and City of Portland "Design Review" to accommodate the addition of canopies. Subsequent redesign and Design Review were completed, with the Permit for Building being recently received. Thus, we are now prepared to construct both walkways with supporting foundations and are funded to construct one Canopy for one walkway.

**Fiscal Impact:** The MOU provides for a contribution from Tri-Met for \$600,000 of the cost to be associated with one walkway and the foundations and electrical for the second (Tri-Met letter of Clarification dated December 7, 2000). Funds were budgeted within the Hall "D" Replacement Project for the construction of both walkways, but not with canopies or their supporting foundations. Based on preliminary construction estimates both walkways with foundations and one canopy can be constructed with the available funds from Tri-Met and the Hall "D" project budget for a cost of approximately \$675,000. The cost of the second canopy in today's dollars would be estimated at less than \$300,000. All other light rail station revenue and expense issues will be covered in an IGA still being negotiated with Tri-Met.

**Other Considerations:** The second canopy would be constructed at a later date as determined by negotiations as provided for within the MOU, and/or as part of the Phase III Development of the EXPO facilities as provided for within the EXPO Master Plan. Foundations and electrical infrastructure for the second canopy will have been previously provided as part of the initial development, and as per agreement with Tri-Met, will be funded out of the \$600,000.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission by Resolution 01-23, authorize release of a Request for Bids for the Construction of Two Walkways and One Canopy at the Portland Exposition Center for the purpose of providing a pedestrian connection between the EXPO Facilities and the North Termination of the North Interstate Light Rail, and upon receipt of Bids, if any, return to the Commission for acceptance or rejection of a Bid received.